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## New Ohio Supreme Court Rules

The Supreme Court of Ohio has adopted new rules for the reporting of opinions and beginning May 1, 2002, the rules call for all Supreme Court actions, all court of appeals cases and all cases selected for publication in Ohio Miscellaneous Reports to be posted permanently on the court Web site.

For exact wording see Supreme Court Rules: "Rules for the Reporting of Opinions" in either html or pdf format at: <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Rules/>.<sup>1</sup>



**Try Your Hand  
at Our  
Law Day Quiz  
on Page Three!**

## MAY EVENTS

Celebrate Law Day on  
Wednesday, May 1st

The library will be closed in  
observance of Memorial Day  
on Monday, May 27th

# HAPPY LAW DAY!

## The Summer Associates Are Coming!

Now would be a good time to review your program for training summer associates. In order to give them a realistic sense of what it is like to be a lawyer, they might benefit from some time on "field trips" to see the different types of practices of law in action and to learn some of the different styles lawyers use.

Be sure to bring them to the law library to get acquainted with our services and staff!<sup>2</sup>

## "Technology for Tightwads"

Sheryl Cramer suggests dozens of software applications that will enable you and your office to be productive and efficient without breaking the bank. Part One and a link to Part Two are located on the Web at <http://www.llrx.com/features/tightwads.htm>.<sup>3</sup>

## Shepardize!

From the Trumbull County Law Library Association home page comes the following advice on case reliability:

"With the proliferation and increasing volume of rulings, it is strongly recommended to shepardize. By verifying the reliability of a related case and its subsequent uses, a stronger representation of your clients will occur."<sup>4</sup>

The law library makes shepardizing easier than ever with free electronic access to the service and the resulting citation lists can be e-mailed, printed or down-loaded to a disk.

## Welcome! To Our Newest Members

**Jason M. Baasten  
Timothy R. Piatt  
Ross Rhodes  
Suzanne Lee Slowey**

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### **“Basic Information On... How to Locate People”**

As a postscript to last month’s article, “In Need Of Background Information on Individuals,” Background Check Gateway’s “Basic Information On... How To Locate People” is a good do-it-yourself/self-help guide. It is located on the Internet at: <<http://www.backgroundcheckgateway.com/locate-people.html>>. Background Check Gateway is listed in Lawresearch.com’s Honor Roll Listing Of Links which is located at: <<http://www.lawresearch.com/newsletter/honroll.htm>>.<sup>6</sup>

### **Research Dig**

“You don’t have to hire detectives to get the scoop on competitors.” You can pry with your mouse, according to Genie Tyburski, in her article, “In Pursuit of Company Secrets.”<sup>7</sup>

The Web provides access to information that may give a client a competitive advantage, or a lawyer the opportunity for courtroom “one-upmanship”. These resources include:

- EDGAR filings
- company Web pages
- domain registrations
- public records
- government documents

- classified ads
- resumes
- forums and message boards
- consumer opinion sites.

Read Genie Tyburski’s article at <[http://www.abanet.org/lpm/magarticle2002\\_v28n3\\_p09.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/lpm/magarticle2002_v28n3_p09.shtml)> to see how it is done.<sup>8</sup>

Another good article (same subject, same author) is “Investigating Private Companies” which was originally published by *Law Office Computing (Feb/Mar 2002)* under the title, “Click and Go Seek.” is located on the web at: <[http://www.virtualchase.com/articles/private\\_companies.html](http://www.virtualchase.com/articles/private_companies.html)>

### **Websites and Articles of Interest**

- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission <<http://www.eeoc.gov/index.html>>

There are places for both employers and employees to start, with information on how to file a claim, mediation, training, Freedom of Information Act, and more.<sup>9</sup>

- ETOH <<http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov/>>

Provided by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Here you’ll find over 110,000 journal articles, books, dissertation abstracts, conference papers, and more on the subject of alcohol abuse and alcoholism. The breadth of the topics covered is impressive: medicine, psychology, sociology, prevention, education, criminal justice, public policy, and that’s just the beginning.<sup>10</sup>

- Virtual Law Partner <<http://www.virtuallawpartner.com/>>

The Virtual Law Partner appears to be for the solo or small firm lawyer. It is affiliated with CaseMatch and other legal matchmaking services, so most of what you’ll receive on the site deals with responding to requests for legal work. The service is \$295 to join and \$199 to renew, but reduced services are available at lower prices.<sup>11</sup>

- “Law Firms and Legal Technology Face Changes in 2002” Carlyn Kolker <<http://www.law.com/cgi-bin/nwlink.cgi?ACG=ZZZ60XVS3XC>>

Law.com takes a look at technology in law firms since September 11th. The need for disaster recovery, better information management and efficiency appear at the top of the list for many firms.<sup>12</sup>

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**Law Day Quiz**

- 1. Number of death penalty sentences upheld by Texas courts during the 1990's for men whose lawyers slept during their trials:  
A. 0      B. 1      C. 3      D. 5
- 2. Number of state and federal court opinions written since 1977 that have included a reference to Elvis Presley:  
A.10      B. 123      C. 234      D. 321
- 3. Number of questions asked by Justice Clarence Thomas during the 1997 oral arguments of the Paula Jones case:  
A. 0      B. 1      C. 3      D. 5
- 4. Ratio of Americans who can name The Three Stooges to those who can name three Supreme Court Justices:  
A. 2:1      B. 3:1      C. 5:1      D. 10:1
- 5. Number of Philadelphia criminal convictions overturned in 1995 because of police misconduct:  
A. 0      B. 25      C. 55      D. 105
- 6. Estimated number of the city's police misconduct cases still pending at the end of that year:  
A. 12      B. 120      C. 1,200      D. 120,000
- 7. Portion of federal judgeships on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that are vacant:  
A. 1/8      B. 1/4      C. 1/2      D. 3/4
- 8. Number of years that at least one fourth of the federal judgeships on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals have been vacant:  
A. 1      B. 2      C. 3      D. 4
- 9. Months after boxing promoter Don King was acquitted of fraud in 1998 that he took his jurors to the Bahamas:  
A. 1      B. 2      C. 3      D. 4
- 10. Maximum amount of time that a suspect in Florida can be held in jail without being assigned a lawyer, in hours:  
A. 4      B. 8      C. 12      D. 24

The questions in the quiz are from The Harper's Index Book. Edited by Charis Conn & Lewis H. Lapman.

**FOOTNOTES**

- <sup>1</sup> Posting of Keith Blough, kblough@COLUMBUSLAWLIB.ORG, to ORALL@listserv.louisville.edu (Mar. 22, 2002) (Copy on file with author).
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**ANSWERS**

1. C      2. C      3. A      4. B      5. C      6. C      7. B      8. C      9. B      10. D

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